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## *City of Port Gibson, Mississippi*

July 21, 2011

Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**RE: WT Docket No. 11-65**

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As the Mayor of Port Gibson, Mississippi, I support the merger of AT&T Inc. and T-Mobile USA and urge you to support it as well.

The merger offers a great chance to get high speed wireless broadband in our community. It will facilitate private investment to bring a highly-valued product into places that have, so far, been largely left out of the digital revolution. In Port Gibson we like to say, "We are building on our heritage to forge a limitless future." But, without access to the tools of modern communication—we do face limits and they will impede our efforts at economic development.

Agriculture remains at the core of our local economy. The vast majority of our farms are run by families or individuals—not large conglomerates. And, as the average age of the farmer has fallen, net returns on agricultural sales have increased. One of the reasons is that younger farmers have embraced technology as a way to increase productivity. We can only imagine how using a web-enabled smart phone in the field will further improve their efforts.

Small businesses that operate in Port Gibson will greatly benefit from access to a 4G network. High speed connectivity brings businesses closer to new customers or suppliers; it allows for increased efficiency and higher profits; and it puts them on a level playing field with competitors in larger metropolitan areas.

We look forward to the day when we can promote both our historic quality of life and our modern communications network. The AT&T/T-Mobile merger can be a game-changer for small communities like ours. We hope you will support this merger and help bring new opportunities to Port Gibson.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Fred Reeves".

Fred Reeves  
Mayor

cc: Commissioner Michael Copps  
Commissioner Robert McDowell  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn